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SUBJECT: PPP WITHDRAWS SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL DEFENCE BONDS COMMITTEE

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1. THE PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY (PPP) HAS WITHDRAWN
ITS SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL DEFENCE BONDS COMMITTEE CREATED
TO MOBILIZE SAVINGS FOR DEFENSE EXPENDITURES. PPP STATED
ITS REASONS FOR NOT PARTICIPATING IN AN OPEN LETTER TO
TRADES UNION CONGRESS (TUC) PUBLISHED IN THE "MIRROR."
PPP EXPRESSED REGRET THAT IT WAS NOT CONSULTED PRIOR TO
THE PRESS REPORT THAT MEMBERS OF THE PPP HAD BEEN INVITED
TO SIT ON COMMITTEE.

2. LETTER WENT ON TO REVIEW STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN
PPP AND BURNHAM'S PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS (PNC). PPP
POINTED OUT THAT IT HAD ADOPTED POLICY OF QUOTE
CRITICAL SUPPORT UNQUOTE FOR THE GOVERNMENT BUT
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THAT TALKS AT HIGHEST LEVELS AIMED AT REMOVING
OBSTACLES TO NATIONAL UNITY--SUCH AS RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION--HAD PRODUCED NO TANGIBLE RESULTS.
FOR EXAMPLE, PPP CLAIMED THAT PEOPLE'S MILITIA IS
NOT TRULY BROAD BASED TO INCLUDE ALL RACES AND
POLITICAL PARTIES, AND REGRETTED THAT PPP MEMBERS
OF THE MILITIA'S PLANNING UNIT HAVE NOT BEEN

GIVEN POLICY-MAKING ROLE.

3. DEFENSE BONDS SCHEME IS
VOLUNTARY AND ITS SUCCESS WILL DEPEND HEAVILY ON
ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF UNIONS TO MOBILIZE
WORKERS. THE PPP-CONTROLLED GUYANA AGRICULTURAL
WORKERS UNION (GAWU), WHICH REPRESENTS SUGAR WORKERS,
IS ONE OF THE LARGEST UNIONS AFFILIATED WITH
THE TUC. PPP REFUSAL TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE
CASTS THE PROJECT IN JEOPARDY AND IS OMINOUS
INDICATOR FOR 1977 SHOULD JAGAN WITHDRAW FROM HIS
POLICY OF CRITICAL SUPPORT. EMBASSY IS
HEARING RUMORS FROM EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY THAT
JAGAN'S SUPPORT OF BURNHAM GOVERNMENT IS COSTING
HIM SUPPORT OF EAST INDIANS. IF JAGAN DECIDES
TO PRESS ISSUE OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, BURNHAM'S
PLEA FOR UNITY IN FACE OF ECONOMIC ADVERSITY AND
FOREIGN DESTABILIZATION WILL GO DOWN THE DRAIN
AND UNDOUBTEDLY STRAIN POLITICAL STABILITY OF
COUNTRY.
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